



**Iowa Council for Early ACCESS  
Minutes  
November 16, 2007**

**Members Present:** Kyla Alba, Nancy Bobo, Jane Borst, Mary Jane Brotherson, Angela Burke Boston, LaMark Combs, Gina Greene, Kelly Hancock, Ron Koch, Jan Mackey, Troy McCarthy, Barb Merrill, Carolyn Nelson, Maureen Schletzbaum, LauraBelle Sherman-Proehl, Debra Sixta, Carrie Sodders, Mary Stevens, David Van Horn, Shanell Wagler

**Excused:** Daryl Beall, Scott Beall, Andrew Hall, Mary Nelson, Pablo Quintanilla

**Staff:** Julie Curry, Barb Khal, Lisa Sharp, Susan White (Interim Secretary)

**Guests:** Sue Griener-Glas, Lisa Naig, Cindy Weigel, Frank Forcucci

**Call to Order:**

Troy called the meeting to order and introductions of Council members took place. Quorum is established.

**Approval of September Minutes:**

Troy entertained a motion for approval of the September 21, 2007 minutes. Barb Merrill moved to approve and Kyla Alba seconded motion. Council approved minutes.

**Family Story/Ron Koch:**

Ron shared his "Our Unexpected Journey" Power Point story with the Council. This was his family's story of welcoming their child, Kohen, who was born with Down Syndrome. Ron is also chair of the Northwest Iowa Down Syndrome Society support group. They are very thankful for all the ongoing support Early ACCESS has provided.

**Early ACCESS/Frank Forcucci and Susan Greiner-Glas:**

Frank Forcucci and Susan Greiner-Glas from Des Moines Public Schools gave their presentation of a DVD, which was produced by the Des Moines Public Schools on Early ACCESS with testimonies from parents how Early ACCESS has helped their children develop.

**Early ACCESS Central Point of Contact/Julie Curry:**

The next five-year contract for Early ACCESS Central Point of Contact and Directory was awarded to Visiting Nurse Services, Polk County. To facilitate a smooth transition, COMPASS will patch through anyone over to the new service.

**Policy Discussions:**

The Council divided into small groups to analyze the data that will be used in the Annual Performance Report. The following APR indicator data were the point of discussions; C3 Early Childhood Outcomes, C4 Family Centered Services, C5 Child Find B-1, C6 Child Find B-3, and C7 Timely Evaluation and Assessment. An Early ACCESS consultant presented the Indicator data, strategies and conclusions. The analysis will be used by the Lead Agency in preparation of the annual report.

**Priorities of Council/Troy McCarthy:**

The Council divided into four groups to review the four priorities suggested by the Executive Committee. The following were the topics of discussion; Prevention Maintenance, Service Coordination, Family Centered Services, Other Concerns or Priorities. During this discussion, the Council members were to list suggestions under each topic, moving around to each of the topic areas. Each member then voted on their top two choices from the list of priorities. These suggestions will be taken back to the Executive Committee for review.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

Tory entertained a motion and Council approved to adjourn meeting.

**Upcoming Council Meeting:**

Friday, January 18, 2008 at Stoney Creek Inn